the connivance of the officers in the post-offices and the UTI officers. Is there any truth in these allegations?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

Reduction in Advertisement sales of Doordarshan due to NFDC Films

*361. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of .INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NFDC has been showing the same feature films on Doordarshan more than once and as a result thereof advertisement sales have come down for Doordarshan;

(b) if not, the details of the advertisement sales of the period when films were shown at the instance of NFDC on Doordarshan during the last 6 months;

(c) whether a huge amount is outstanding to Doordarshan from NFDC;

(d) if so, the.details of this amount for the last 2 years;

(e) whether it is also a fact that in spite of this default NFDC continues to get slots; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM) (a) and (b) There has been no repeat telecast of films on DD-I & DD-II during the last six months. The details of ad-sales from the telecast of films for the period from 01.01.1996 to 30.06.1996 are as follows:—

Month	No. of films Sourced and marketed by NFDC	ad-sales (Rs. in lakhs)
January	16	656.44
February	14	533.44
March	19	655.53
April	14	551.92
May	12	696.61
June	15	796.20

(c) and (d) No, Sir. As per information provided by National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) only Rs. 2.9 crore is outstanding against them as on 23.08.1996. This amount is not huge and is merely equal to two weeks' sales of business generated by NFDC for Doordarshan.

(e) and (0 Do not arise.

International Airports

*362. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of international airports proposed to be set up by the end of 8th Plan;

(b) the steps taken by Government to make Bhubaneshwar and Hyderabad airports full-fledged international airports; and

(c) the details of the proposals of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) There are five international airports in the country at present. There is no proposal to set up any new international airport by the end fo the 8th Plan period.

(b) and (c) Hyderabad airport is already handling limited international operations. However, both Hyderabad and Bhubneshwar airports are being developed further with new terminal buildings and installation of modern communication/navigational equipment. At Bhubaneswar, the runway is also being extended. When fully developed, these airports will be able to handle international scheduled/ character operations.

Introducing of flight in Hyderabad-Vijayawada-Tirupati sector

*364. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines is introducing a flight between Hyderabad-Vijayawada and Tirupati;

(b) if so, the details of schedule; and

(c) whether there is any other new flight proposed for Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Newsitem "Delay in catering deal costs Air India dear"

*366. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Delay in catering deal costs Air India dear" appearing in Indian Express dated the 1st August, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto, and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There were procedural delays in finalising the catering contract for the period from 1st August, 1990 to 31st March, 1993 by Air India with the Tokyo Flight Kitchen resulting in losses to the Company. Vigilance enquiry has been instituted by Air India to fix responsibility in the matter.

The Catering Committee of Air India has also been advised to take timely action in finalising all catering contracts.

Income tax assesses in Madhya Pradesh

*368. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of incom tax assessees in the State of Madhya Pradesh by the end of March, 1995, district-wise;

(b) the number of such assessees in different slabs; and

(c) the number of arrear cases as on 31st March, 199S, alongwith the outstanding amount and action taken to reduce the number?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total number of assessees in the State of Madhya Pradesh by end of March, 1995, is 434427. The District wise break up is as under—

DISTRICTS	NO.OF ASSESSEES	DISTRICTS	NO.OF ASSESSEES
Betul	5199	Vidisha	5011
Bhind	1659	Jabalpur	32128
Bhopal	31360	Sagar	5860
Datia	996	Satna	5413
Dewas	5196	Riwa	3157
Dhar	3907	Domah	2500
Gwalior	23379	Sidhi	1816
Guna	4700	Seoni	1674
Hoshangabad	7574	Chhindwara	4113
Indore	78931	Balaghat	3550
Jhabua	1351	Tikamgarh	2248
Khandwa	7873	Narsinghpur	3978
Khargone	6748	Panna	861
Mandsaur	8294	Chhatarpur	4474
Morena	4242	Shahdol	5342
Raisen	1533	Mandla	1598
Rajgarh	2757	Raipur	61119
Ratlam	8342	Durg	18134
Sehore	844	Bilaspur	21931
Shajapur	3288	Raigarh	4641
Sheopuri	3061	Rajnandgeon	7476
Ujjain	13890	Sharguja	6953
		Bastar	5326
		Total:	434427